

received the Navy Unit Citation and the Submarine Medal for service in both the Atlantic and Pacific.

After World War II, Sarge accepted a position as assistant editor with Newsweek magazine. He later went into business with Joseph Kennedy, President Kennedy's father, and met Eunice, his wife of more than 48 years.

Sarge then moved his family to Chicago, where he served on the Board of Education. In 1956, he was elected President of the Board, the youngest person to serve in such a position in any major American city.

And in 1960, he joined the Presidential campaign of then-Senator Kennedy. After the election, he was asked by President Kennedy to create the Peace Corps and in March 1961 was appointed its founding Director.

Sarge's vision for the Peace Corps was straight-forward and strong: "to permit Americans to participate directly, personally, and effectively in this struggle for human dignity."

In nearly six years at the Peace Corps, Sarge developed programs in 55 countries with more than 14,500 volunteers. Forty years later, the solid foundation that he created has only strengthened and expanded. Today, 163,000 Peace Corps volunteers have served in 135 countries.

As CBS television commentator Charles Osgood said just a few weeks ago: "Much has changed since 1960, but two things have not: Americans still pray for peace and they still join the Peace Corps."

However, while Sarge is rightly identified as the founding father of this great American idea, his contributions to the Peace Corps do not tell the whole story.

Sarge also served as the first Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity under President Johnson. Then, between 1964 and 1968, he created VISTA, Head Start, Community Action, Foster Grandparents, Job Corps, Legal Services, Indian and Migrant Opportunities and Neighborhood Health Services.

And, then, from 1968 to 1970, he served as U.S. Ambassador to France, before being nominated in 1972 to serve as the Vice Presidential candidate on the Democratic Party's ticket with George McGovern.

I dare say that few Americans have given so much to help so many. Yet, in the twilight of this incredible life, Sarge and Eunice continue to give. For example, Eunice is the Founder and Honorary Chair and Sarge the Past-President and current Chairman of the Board of the Special Olympics.

To call this record of public service exemplary is a vast understatement. Words cannot adequately convey the decency and humanity that has been brought into the lives of millions worldwide through the work of Sargent Shriver—international lawyer, ambassador, humanitarian. His life's work shall live on long after this and succeeding generations have passed the torch of public service to their progeny.

"Serve, serve, serve," Sarge was known to say, "because in the end it is the servants who save us all."

Mr. Speaker, today I honor a great American and wish him only the best as he begins this, his 87th year of public service to the United States and the cause of humanity.

HONORING BRADFORD L. COWGILL
FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO
THE GREATER LEXINGTON COM-
MUNITY

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2001

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bradford L. Cowgill for his lifelong commitment and dedicated service to his hometown—Lexington, Kentucky. Brad, born to Sue Ann Bradford Cowgill and the late Ben L. Cowgill, attended Fayette County Public Schools, graduating from Henry Clay High School. He received his bachelor's degree in political science and economics from Vanderbilt University and returned to Lexington to receive his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Kentucky School of Law. While at UK, Brad founded and served as editor of the law school newspaper, Dicta, and was a member of the Moot Court Board.

Following graduation, Brad joined the Lexington law firm of Brown, Sledd and McCann, where he became partner in 1982. In 1985, the firm merged with Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs. Currently, Brad's practice is concentrated in corporate matters and commercial litigation, with emphasis on construction-related claims and clients. He is a regular lecturer on construction law topics and is a member of the Forum Committee on the Construction Industry of the American Bar Association. Active in leadership positions in the Kentucky Bar Association, Brad is a former chairman of the Continuing Legal Education Commission and served as chairman of the 1990 Annual Meeting of Kentucky Attorneys.

Brad's commitment to improving the Lexington community is demonstrated by mentioning the current activities in which he is involved. He currently serves as Chairman of the United Way of the Bluegrass, Chairman of the Lexington Community College council and the following boards: Governors Scholar Program, the Lexington YMCA, Bluegrass Tomorrow and the New Century Lexington Partnership. He has served as an executive committee member and general counsel to the Greater Lexington Chamber of Commerce and on the boards of Lexington United and the Better Business Bureau. He has also served for three years as board chairman of Saint Joseph Hospital.

In 1993, Brad served as Council-Member-At-Large of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government by appointment of Mayor Pam Miller. In 1994, he founded TEAM (Toward Efficiency in Administration and Management) Lexington, Inc., a non-profit organization that conducted a nine-month study of the personnel policies and practices of the Urban County Government. In 1995, Brad and others founded the New Century Lexington Partnership, which was a community-wide visioning and planning program undertaken by Lexington's major organizations and institutions. Brad has also served as Chairman of the Lexington-Fayette Historic Commission and of the Lexington Transit Authority.

Brad's service not only includes a multitude of civic and government activities, he is committed to improving public education in Fayette County. He recently served on the Superintendent's Advisory and Key Communicators

Committees for the Fayette County Public Schools. In 1992–93, Brad co-authored COMPEL IV, a Chamber of Commerce study of the Fayette County Public School administration. He has served on the Task Force on Excellence in the Fayette County Schools and is a 1980 and 1990 graduate of Leadership Lexington.

Brad's accomplishments are shared with his wife, Margaret, and his three children: Bo, 20; Ben, 17; and Ann, 14.

Central Kentucky is a better place because of Brad's active involvement in the Lexington community. His commitment to improving the lives of others around him is commendable. Today, Mr. Speaker, I salute and thank Mr. Bradford L. Cowgill for dedication to the Lexington community.

H.R. 3150 "AVIATION SECURITY
ACT"

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2001

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, the time to maintain the status quo is over. The attacks of September 11th along with the recent Anthrax scare have left the public frightened and confused over who will ultimately take responsibility. Repeatedly the President has called on the American public to return to business as usual; that can only happen once the House follows the Senate's lead by passing a comprehensive Aviation Security Bill. The eyes of the American public are focused squarely on this chamber. Just recently the American Federation of Government Employees commented "Airport security, is a national defense concern. It should not be the responsibility of profit-driven companies to protect travelers, given the war-like dangers of today's world. Forprofit contractors are notorious for "cutting corners" on essential services."

The key to solving our nation's aviation crisis will not simply go away by deputizing airline screeners. The American people demand a common sense approach that will restore consumer confidence by improving airline security. However, the window of opportunity is now beginning to close; now is the time to act responsibly before millions of people choose another form of transportation during the holiday season. To ensure the attacks of September 11th never occur again this House must follow the Senate's lead and pass a comprehensive bill that strengthens employee training and security background checks. We must act now to prevent future tragedies from occurring within our Nation's borders!

Since the September 11th tragedy consumer confidence in the airline industry has virtually disappeared. Nearly every major carrier has announced that thousands of employees will be laid off over the next year. The American people continue to look to us for leadership and guidance during such troubling times. Unfortunately, the Republican leadership has squandered an opportunity to restore consumer confidence and continue the bipartisan effort to stabilize the aviation industry. Mr. Speaker, quite simply H.R. 3150 is a farce, a scam, a way to trick the American people into believing that the Republican leadership truly cares about workers and citizens